



June 28, 2008 – June 29, 2009
YEAR OF ST. PAUL
The Great Evangelizer
Martyr for the Love of Christ

MARCH 22, 2009

4th SUNDAY IN LENT



Dear Friends,

A mother tells about her precocious six-year-old in his first day of Catholic school. His teacher made the innocent statement, “God made everything.”

This woman’s son quickly stood up. “God does not make everything,” he insisted. “Most things are made in China!” Well, certainly there is some truth to that. But even the most rigid of skeptics has to be taken aback by the wonders of God’s universe. There is so much beauty, so much wondrous order.

In his Letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul states *who* made us and *why* we were made: “**For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.**” (Eph 2:10 NRSV). Even more, we gain the power and strength to do these good works from God’s gift of grace.

This weekend forty-nine 7th & 8th graders complete their initiation into the family of Christ Jesus by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Leonard Blair will anoint each with the Oil of Sacred Chrism sealing them with the gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthening them for service to the Body of Christ.

The Holy Spirit bestows seven gifts – wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety, and wonder & awe in God’s presence – to help us in our mission and witness in this world. Through the mystery of God’s gracious love, the impact of these gifts accompanies us in the various stages of our spiritual and human development.

We welcome Bishop Blair to our faith community and congratulate those confirmed this Sunday. Thank you to their sponsors, parents, teachers and to all who have helped form them this far.

This week when you look at a label to see where a product was made or where your food was grown, think of what our Creator has made. May we continue the good work God has begun in us.

Fr. Ken Lill

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CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY AT 4 PM AT
ST. JOSEPH

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., March 21

5:00 PM (SJ) Margaret Tyler
Charles Tyler

Sun., March 22 – 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM (SA) Henry & Olive Brown
10:30 AM (SJ) Confirmation

Mon., March 23 – St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

NO MASS

Tues., March 24

7:00 PM (SA) Joe Schaffer

Wed., March 25 – Annunciation of the Lord

8:15 AM (SJ) Tom Hofacker

Thurs., March 26

8:15 AM (SJ) Fr. Leoanrd Martin

Fri., March 27

8:15 AM (SJ) Clifford Wilhelm

Sat., March 28

5:00 PM (SJ) Bob & Theresa Graham

Sun., March 29 – 5th Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM (SA) Alfred & Adeline Kluding
10:30 AM (SJ) Richard, Alvin & Edna Fritz

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN-2 Chr. 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph. 2:4-10/Jn. 3:14-21

MON-Is. 65:17-21/Jn. 4:43-54

TUE-Ez. 47:1-9, 12/Jn. 5:1-16

WED-Is. 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb. 10:4-10/Lk. 1:26-38

THU-Ex. 32:7-14/Jn. 5:31-47

FRI-Wis. 2:1a, 12-22/Jn. 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SAT-Jer. 11:18-20/Jn. 7:40-53

CONTRIBUTIONS – MAR. 15

St. Joseph-Sunday-4,146, (120 envelopes) Loose-185.27, St. VdeP-5, 50/50-85, Bldg Fund-35, Fuel-54, Children-1, School Support-90, Flowers-96, Catholic Relief-20, Rel. Retirement-10.

St. Alphonsus-Sunday-3,609, (81 envelopes) Loose-76, Children-5, Vigil Lights-16, Catholic Relief-48.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, Mar. 28– 5:00 p.m. – St. Joseph

L Elaine Finch, Adam Mastroianni (Use Cycle B)
U Bill Stang, Ron Stieber, Marvin Pierce
EM Phyllis Gravenhorst, Jane Kramer, Sheila Meikle, John Miller, Shirley Stang
S Madeline Bollenbacher, Abby Swanson, Brandon Seifker

Sunday, Mar. 29– 8:30 a.m. – St. Alphonsus

L David & Jackie Reed (Use Cycle B)
U Jim Ott, Bill Brooks, Dennis Foltz, James Heyman
EM Jim & Cheryl Wasiniak, Catherine, Pat Schaffer, Bob & Alice Crist, Ken Wangler, 2 Volunteers
S Joshua & Amanda Hanneman, Aaron Gates
G Ruth Ann & Dennis Foltz

Sunday, Mar. 29 – 10:30 a.m. – St. Joseph

L Cherri Schaffer, Mike Adelman (Use Cycle B)
U Doug Elmlinger, Chris Gies, Ron Schaffer
EM Diana Brown, Ron Betschman, Julie Landoll, Sandy Lonz, Richard & Marilyn Palmer
S Ashley Gies, Ross Stieber

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

MAR 29 – Katie Leber

COUNTERS – MAR. 23

Evelyn Ruffing Jeanette Meyer, Catherine Raftery, Rose & Denny Perry

BINGO – MAR. 23

CREW #6: Elaine Stieber, Tina Elmlinger, Mark Kramer, Amy Latteman, Chris or Leslie Opper, Pam Devos

FOOD: Valerie Newell

KITCHEN: Agnes Balduff, Laurie Haughawout

BAKERS: Diana Brown, Holli Hohler, Linda Hales

SET UP: Annette Schaffer

WINDOW: Jill Schafer

BIRTHDAYS

MAR 23-Diana Hauler, Charles Miller, Heather Ott, Krista Schaffer, Brooke Seitz, Linda Shaw **MAR 24**-Mary Buchanan, Jacee Camp, David Mahl, Robert Reynolds, Travis Rogers, Linda Smith, Joanne Smith **MAR 25**-Carolyn Brown, Lillian Elmlinger, Virginia Gates, Connie Miller, Sydney Obringer, Sylvia Ruffing, Claire Ryan, Half-a-Century Joe Stang, Kevin Stieber, Sheryl Wilhelm **MAR 26**-Frank Gies, Emily Myers, Nicole Ott, Patricia Perl, Joanne Schaffer, Sean Schaffer **MAR 27**-Jim Chupp, Florence Criscione, Patricia Stieber, Matthew Wangler **MAR 28**-Charles Bauer, Edward Capelle, Arthur Lambert, Eva Martin, Betty Mirtes, McKinley Shawver **MAR 29**-Kate Bishop, Jude Doss, Tom Gravenhorst, George Latteman, Cynthia Yoder



PARISH CALENDAR

BINGO Monday night in the Social Center. Doors open at 5; Bingo starts at 6:45.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE Wednesday at St. John's UCC on Thomas Rd..

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Thursday at 7 p.m. at St. Alphonsus and Friday at 1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph.

PSR next Sunday at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph and at 9:30 at St. Alphonsus.

AREA EVENTS

ALL-U-CAN EAT FISH FRY at St. Boniface Church, Oak Harbor on Fridays during Lent. Adults \$8, Children \$4.

LENTEN CONCERT, "Jesus Alone in the Garden" March 29 at 3 p.m. at St. Mary, Norwalk.



LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday night Lenten Services continue this week. Each night will begin with a soup supper at 6 p.m. followed by a prayer service at 7.

March 25 – St. John's UCC

April 1 – Trinity Lutheran

Please bring one of the following items for the Non-food bank – dish soap, shampoo, multi-purpose cleaner.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Spring has sprung!! It's time to take down the winter decorations and make the cemetery ready for mowing. Please remove all items by April 1.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all the Ladies of St. Alphonsus who provided the pies for the Cattlemen's Dinner, the soups and desserts for the Lenten Service, and the cookies for the Confirmation Reception. Everything was delicious!

Thank you to all who donated items for this month's Non-Food Bank. The next Non-Food Bank will be held on Thursday, May 21.

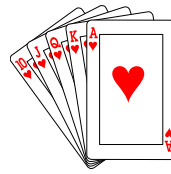
St. Joseph 7th & 8th Graders would like to thank all those who purchased sausage during the recent Sausage Sale. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the class trip to Washington, D.C.

MONROEVILLE K of C 200 CLUB WINNERS

Mar 17 -\$50: Dennis Wilhelm

\$25: Harold A. Wilhelm, Fr. Ken

LAS VEGAS NIGHT



The 6th Annual St. Joseph Parish Las Vegas Night will be Saturday, April 4 from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Bronson-Norwalk Conservation Club. Texas Hold 'Em, Black Jack, Roulette, 50/50, Big Money Wheel, Raffles and more! A \$10 cover charge will include food and refreshments.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Contributions to the 2009-2010 St. Joseph School Annual Fund to date are as follows:

Compared to last year's donation:

The same	129	
Decreased	21	
Increased	29	
No Donation	43	
New Donation	43	
Total donors 2009	222	\$56,919.00
Total donors 2008	222	\$59,665.00

May God bless our generous benefactors who have invested in the future of St. Joseph School. Our school community is very grateful and humbled by your good stewardship.

Jim Francis

THE MONROEVILLE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

will present their 12th production, *Hospital Hijinx* April 3, 4 & 5. The dinner shows on Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4 will start with appetizers at 7 p.m. followed by dinner and show at 7:30. Cost is still \$20.00. The Sunday, April 5th production starts at 3:00 and includes dessert. Come join us for laughs and good food!

Tickets are available at the Beauty Vault or from Sandy Lonz at 419-465-2320.

NORWALK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Super Cash Bonanza tickets are available until May 15. Tickets sold for \$5 each are available from any K of C member or by contacting council ticket chairmen Joe Lesch or Tom Daugherty (419- 660-1277).

A **Euchre Tournament** will be held on Friday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at the K of C hall. Call Steve Schumm (419-668-8994) if you need a partner.

TOLEDO ART MUSEUM PRESENTATION

Sunday, March 29, at the Toledo Art Museum there will be a special presentation on the "Life, Mission and Writings of St. Paul." The presentation is done as we walk through the Art Museum viewing many of the paintings of St. Paul. Fr. Kent Kaufman, pastor at All Saints Rossford, will be our guide. The presentation will last approximately an hour and a half beginning at 4:00pm. We will meet in the Classic Court (guards can direct you to that area). Parking is \$5.00.

Fisher-Titus Medical Center
Healthy Habits-Newsletter
March 2009

March is Mental Retardation Awareness Month. The term used more frequently today is Intellectual Disability. A person with intellectual disability means that their ability to learn at an expected level, and function in daily life is limited. The level of intellectual disability can vary greatly.

If a person has an intellectual disability or not, they are a child of God, and need to be treated with respect and dignity.

Ways we can all make sure everyone is accepted:

- Communicate the belief in action or words that all individuals have unique characteristics, preferences, strengths and challenges
- Believe as a child of God we all have commonalities, diversity and individual differences that are beneficial and make everyone unique.
- Encourage sensitivity and not sympathy
- Help children to learn that everyone is equal in status.
- Respect people's individuality and independence.
- Avoid stereotypes.
- Enforce the golden rule "treat others like you would like to be treated."
- Do not call anyone by the slang word "retard." (information taken in part from *Fostering Inclusive Values in Children: What Families Can Do* by Spencer Salend)

"I knit you together in your mother's womb." Psalm 130:19